



## You Are Cordially Invited

Dear Primary Care Provider,

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is launching a Patient Centered Medical Home model of primary care in Maryland starting with a series of PCMH Outreach symposia beginning in June of 2010. The PCMH is an exciting new way to practice primary care that's gaining traction throughout the country. It features a team of health care professionals led by a physician or nurse practitioner who provide comprehensive, coordinated care focusing on increased accessibility and prevention and wellness. Experience has shown that the PCMH model increases provider and patient satisfaction plus lower costs from reduced ED and hospital visits. Practices that participate will receive support from Maryland in becoming a PCMH, are reimbursed for providing extra services associated with the program, and share savings that result from avoided ED visits and reduced hospitalizations.

We will hold a series of symposia to provide you with an opportunity to learn about and discuss Maryland's Patient-Centered Medical Home pilot program. Dinner meetings will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. featuring PCMH experts, at the following locations:

June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Baltimore, MD	Dr. Thomas Graf	Renaissance Baltimore Harbor Place Hotel 202 East Pratt Street Baltimore MD 21202
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Cambridge, MD	Dr. Thomas Graf	Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay 100 Heron Point Rd Cambridge, MD 21613
June 29 <sup>th</sup> – Bethesda, MD	Dr. Paul Grundy	Bethesda Marriott 5151 Pooks Hill Road Bethesda, MD 20184
June 30 <sup>th</sup> – Columbia, MD	Dr. Paul Grundy	Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel 10207 Wincopin Circle Columbia, MD 21044
July 13 <sup>th</sup> – Hagerstown, MD	Dr. James Barr	Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center 1910 Dual Highway Hagerstown, MD 21740
July 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fallston, MD	Dr. James Barr	Josef's Country Inn 2410 Pleasantville Road Fallston, MD 21407

Merck & Co, Inc. is supporting these symposia by contracting for the speakers and providing the venue and the food for the venue. Please contact Ms. Colleen Devaul via email at [colleen\\_devaul@merck.com](mailto:colleen_devaul@merck.com) if you would like to attend one of the dinner meetings. For more information on the PCMH program, contact Ben Steffen at 410-764-3570 or [pcmhpractices@mhcc.state.md.us](mailto:pcmhpractices@mhcc.state.md.us).



**Thomas Graf, MD**, is Chairman of the Community Practice Service line for Geisinger Health System. Dr. Graf is responsible for the Community Practice network with additional responsibility for the physician medical group's advanced medical home pilot process as well as participating on the network-wide quality improvement, electronic health record, and physician compensation task forces. He has implemented over 20 NCQA Level III accreditation Medical Home Models in the Geisinger ProvenHealth Navigator model and leads the operations and development of these sites.

Dr. Graf has established innovative care models for optimizing chronic disease with established systems of care enhanced by MyCare modules of care for individual disease parameters led by mid-levels through the use of the Delta Innovation Incubator program he established. Dr. Graf serves as a content expert for the AHRQ Patient Centered Medical Homes Project.

**Paul Grundy, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACP** is IBM's Director of Healthcare, Technology and Strategic Initiatives for IBM Global Wellbeing Services and Health Benefits, part of IBM's Corporate Headquarters Human Resources group. Dr. Grundy is President of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC), a coalition he led IBM in creating in early 2006. The PCPCC is dedicated to advancing the Patient-Centered Medical Home model as a means of fundamentally reforming healthcare delivery. Prior to joining IBM, Dr. Grundy worked as a senior diplomat in the US State Department supporting the intersection of health and diplomacy. He was also the Medical Director for the International SOS. Presently, Dr. Grundy serves as the Chair of Health Policy of the ERISA Industry Committee and on The Medical Education Futures Study National Advisory Board.

**James Barr, MD**, is a practicing family physician and medical director for the Central Jersey Physician Network IPA and Partners in Care, a Physician-led organization in New Brunswick, New Jersey. His medical practice was an early adopter of the Patient Centered Medical Home model and currently utilizes electronic health records, patient registries, and hand-held technology to participate in New Jersey's Patient Centered Medical Home pilot for employers. Dr. Barr has also worked with large self-insured clients to implement incentive-based models designed to enhance the quality of care for employees.